

Press Release:

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MUSEUM OPENING DAY
MAY 4

The North Star Underground Railroad Museum will open for 2013 on Saturday, May 4, kicking off the new museum's third season, right next door to the Ausable Chasm.

Opening day will feature a mini bus tour of Underground Railroad sites in nearby Keeseville and Peru. Stops include a hidden room located in a barn at the former Stephen Keese Smith farm in Peru, the Quaker Cemetery and local churches that helped enslaved people escape from slave catchers.

The museum will be open 7 days a week, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., through October. FREE admission all season. 1131 Mace Chasm Rd., Ausable Chasm, NY 12911-1704. 518-834-5180. urg@frontier.com

The museum drew over 4,000 visitors in its first year, and then close to 6,000 in 2012. It brings to life the stories of men, women and children who traveled on the Lake Champlain Corridor of the Underground Railroad before the Civil War and the local families who hide the fugitives, many of them headed to Canada. Others settled in the North Country and put down roots here.

The mini bus tour will begin at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday morning, at the North Star Museum, 1131 Mace Chasm Rd. Reservations are required. Please call 518-834-5180 or email urg@frontier.com. While the museum is always free, there is a \$10 charge for the tour.